

**WOODSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**

September 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem was held on the 8th day of September 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall in accordance with the Annual Notice adopted January 5, 2015 advertised in the South Jersey Times and the Daily Journal posted in the Borough Hall Foyer in compliance with the Sunshine Law NJSA 10:4-5 to 10:4-21.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Don Dietrich, followed by the flag salute.

The following members were present:

Don Dietrich	Ed Segrest
Joe Hiles	Glenn Merkle
John Hall	Debra Tierno

Absent: Dave Layton

Also Present:

Cynthia Dalessio	James Hackett
Jane Gallagher	Cris Simmermon
Jean Chetney	Harry Vanaman
Frank Mitchell	John Cantwell

**Public Portion**

No public comment.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015 Council meeting was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

**Solicitor's Report**

Ms. Chetney stated she reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding for the proposed rain gardens. There is no deadline for this project. She also stated there could be a potential hazard liability issue with providing access to the gardens for volunteers. Mayor Dietrich stated one of the proposed sites is on County property. Ms. Chetney stated if the property is owned by the County, they should be involved with the contract. Mr. Merkle will speak with Cheryl Reardon of the Environmental Commission before proceeding any further.

**Finance**

The next budget workshop will be October 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Safety**

**RESOLUTION 2015-73 ABANDONED VEHICLE 27 GREEN STREET**

Resolution 2015- 73 was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

**RESOLUTION 2015-74 ABANDONED VEHICLE 2 MACALTIONER**

Resolution 2015-74 was approved on a motion by Mr. Segrest, seconded by Mr. Merkle, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

**Utilities**

The Engineer's Report was presented.

26 Liberty Avenue has maintenance and condition issues. Mr. Mitchell met with animal control and the health department. The residents cleaned the property up somewhat, but it is now getting worse. A letter was sent to the tenants and the homeowner. They have 21 days to clean the property up.

Public Works has lost two employees and hydrant flushing and leaf season is coming up. Council agreed to push leaf collection back one week to avoid overtime.

Previous resident on Elm Street that was looking to alleviate taxes owed had offered to sell a portion of his property that connects to the Folwell Street standpipe. He has sold the property and the new owner is willing to sell that portion to the Borough. It was the general consensus of Council that the Borough has no need for that property.

The estimated start date for the Alloway Road project is September 17, 2015.

Council discussed application to the transportation trust fund for road resurfacing on either Spring Garden Street or Liberty Avenue. It was decided that they will apply for Spring Garden Street.

## **Streets and Roads**

### **ORDINANCE 2015-6 TALL GRASS**

Ordinance 2015-6 was opened for public hearing on a motion by Ms. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Hall. Absent: Mr. Layton

With there being no comment from the public, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest. Absent: Mr. Layton

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-6 was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Hall, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

## **General Government**

The Mayor met with the engineer regarding improvements to Borough Hall. They found four locations with the building that contain asbestos. The fire escape will be replaced and extend further into the parking lot.

A motion to approve the sidewalk where the lamppost fell down in the amount of \$810 was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

## **Health, Recreation & Open Space**

The Memorandum of Understanding for the rain garden has been postponed.

A motion to approve Brian Bowers as an Alternate Member of the JEC for a term expiring 12/31/15 was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Hiles, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council. Absent: Mr. Layton

## **Pay Bills**

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

A motion to enter into closed session under potential litigation (Resolution 2015-75) was made by Mr. Merkle, seconded by Mr. Segrest, followed by a unanimous roll call vote of Council.

A motion to return to open session was made by Mr. Hiles, seconded by Mr. Segrest.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Jane Gallagher  
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